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President:	Mr. Holbrooke	(United States of America)
Members:	Argentina	Ms. Moglia
	Bangladesh	Mr. Chowdhury
	Canada	Mr. Duval
	China	Mr. Chen Xu
	France	Mr. Doutriaux
	Jamaica	Miss Durrant
	Malaysia	Mr. Hasmy
	Mali	Mr. Keita
	Namibia	Mr. Andjaba
	Netherlands	Mr. van Walsum
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Tunisia	Mr. Ben Mustapha
	Ukraine	Mr. Yel'chenko
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock

Agenda

The situation in Croatia

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The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

Remarks by the President

The President: Before we begin, I would like to welcome the people in the gallery and say that before we turn to the main issue of the morning, which is an extremely important discussion of refugees, we have one other formal order of business: the adoption of a formal United Nations Security Council resolution. I shall turn to that first.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Croatia, Germany and Italy, in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite those representatives to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Šimonović (Croatia) took a seat at the Council table; Mr. Kastrup (Germany) and Mr. Vento (Italy) took the seats reserved for them at the side of the Council Chamber.

The President: the Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka, document S/1999/1302.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/2000/10, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

I should also like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the following documents: S/2000/8, letter dated 10 January 2000 from Croatia addressed to the President of the Security Council; and S/1999/1278, letter dated 24 December 1999 from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia addressed to the Secretary-General.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2000/10) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, Bangladesh, Canada, China, France, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mali, Namibia, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1285 (2000).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

For those in the gallery, we have just been discussing the extension of the United Nations force in Prevlaka peninsula in Croatia, on the edge of where Croatia, Yugoslavia, Albania and Bosnia all meet, a very sensitive area. This resolution will ensure the continuation of stability in that area. So, what you have just seen is important for preserving peace.

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.